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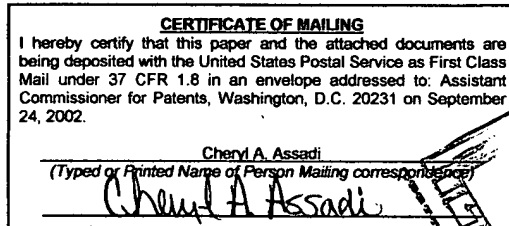
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U.S. Patent 5,901,228 to Crawford discloses an on-line service system offering services for a personal computer including automatically archiving files that have been inactive for a specified period of time at an off-site location.

U.S. Patent 6,351,776 to O'Brien et al. discloses a system and method for maintaining files in a mark-up language, such as XML, on the Internet.

U.S. Patent 5,956,483 to Grate et al. discloses a system and method for making function calls when viewing documents with a web browser.

U.S. Patent 5,940,507 to Cane et al. discloses a system for secure file archival.

U.S. Patent 5,987,454 to Hobbs discloses a method and system for augmenting data retrieved from a data warehouse.

U.S. Patent 6,067,552 to Yu discloses a system for searching and linking hypertext documents.

U.S. Patent 6,216,141 to Straub et al. discloses a system for displaying a multimedia document within a desktop window.

U.S. Patent 5,319,745 to Vinsonneau et al. discloses a method and system for processing alphanumeric and graphic information to create a searchable and editable data base.

U.S. Patent 5,781,914 to Stork et al. discloses a method and system for converting a  
hardcopy document to a hypertext document and vice versa.

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